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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Veronique SARDOY et al

SERIAL NO.: 09/129,238

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1742

: EXAMINER: Deborah YEE

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A THIN SHEET OF ULTRA-LOW-CARBON
STEEL FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF DRAWN PRODUCTS FOR PACKAGING
AND THIN SHEET OBTAINED

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Claims 8-17, 19 and 21 are active in the case.

Applicants agree with the Examiner's characterization on page 5 of the Examiner's Answer that Sample No. 3 on page 9 of EP 0 556 834A2 is the closest prior art and are in the process of conducting comparative experiments to show that the difference in the nitrogen content of Sample No. 3, 0.009%, which is well-above the limit of less than 0.006% nitrogen of the present claims in the steel, will produce steel with superior drawability, when the steel is within the parameters of the present claims, as compared to steel within the parameters of Sample No. 3 of EP 0 556 834A2.

The results of the experimental work will be supplied in the form of a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 before the expiration of the requested suspension of action. The

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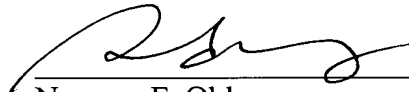
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Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.103 (c) requesting suspension of action for three months is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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